

CHAPTER 1.2.2.

CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES

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Article 1.2.2.3.

Certifying veterinarians

Certifying veterinarians should:

1. be authorised by the *Veterinary Administration* of the *exporting country* to sign *international veterinary certificates*;
2. [sign certificates only at the appropriate time; in particular, they should not sign blank or incomplete certificates, or certificates relating to *animals* or animal products which they have not inspected or which have passed out of their control;] only certify matters that are within their own knowledge at the time of signing the certificate, or that have been separately attested by another competent party;
3. sign only at the appropriate time [ensure before signing that] certificates that have been completed fully and correctly [, and that no part of them is left blank]; where a certificate is signed on the basis of supporting documentation, the certifying veterinarian should be in possession of that documentation before signing;
4. have no [financial] conflict of interest [, other than fee for provision of a service,] in the commercial aspects of the animals or animal products being certified and be independent from the commercial parties.

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